

REMARKS

Acceptance of Claims Allowed in Decision on Appeal

The decision on appeal has ruled that claims 42-57, 67 and 68 are allowed. Applicant wishes to proceed to issuance with those claims, and cease further prosecution of all of the claims. Accordingly, all other pending claims are hereby cancelled, as indicated in the foregoing amendments.

If any further questions or issues remain to be resolved or formalities remain to be resolved, Applicant respectfully requests a telephone call in order that issuance may be expedited.

Conclusion

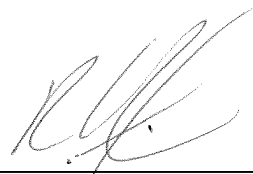
Applicant respectfully submits that the independent claims are allowable over the prior art of record, including the cited references. For similar reasons, and for the additional reasons set forth above, Applicant urge that the dependent claims are also allowable.

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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